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Re: Application/Control Number 10/624969

Subj: COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Attn. Stephen G. Sherman, Examiner

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The inventor contends that the limitations claimed in this invention are more restrictive and unique than you found in your "REASON FOR ALLOWANCE". I request that you consider the further limitations claimed in the attached "COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE" and allow these further limitations as protected intellectual property within the Licensed Patent Rights of this patent.

Sincerely,

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Stanley A. Peickert, Inventor

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INVENTOR'S
COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The primary reason for the allowance of the patent for this invention is the limitation in independent Claims 24 and 28 of the base having a vertical tab rising from one of the oval shaped deck and a vertical shortwall rising around the perimeter slightly inset from the outside edge of the horizontal deck not found singularly or in combination within previous art. The inventor contends that there are two further limitations contained in dependent Claims 30 and 31 that make this art unique and are not found singularly or in combination within previous art.

Claim 31 states that "the molded plastic covering shell is generally egg-shaped configured to fit into the palm cavity of the relaxed hand in the natural position supporting all the inner surfaces of the palm and fingers with the weight of the hand entirely supported on the metacarpal region of the hand". This kind of comfortable and evenly distributed support of the hand is not found singularly or in combination within previous art.

Claim 30 states that the configuration of the six switch actuators are uniquely arranged "permitting independent and simultaneous use of all six actuators". No other previous art allows a single hand to manipulate six input switches independently and simultaneously. This limitation is not found singularly or in combination within previous art.

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DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 24-32 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is the limitation in independent claims 24 and 28 of the base having a vertical tab rising perpendicularly from one end of the oval shaped deck and a vertical shortwall rising around its perimeter slightly inset from the outside edge of the horizontal deck, which is not found singularly or in combination within the prior art.

The closest prior art references are Edwards et al. (US 2002/010550), Rodgers (US 2002/0119174) and Vayda (US 2005/0174331). Edwards et al. (US 2002/010550) and Rodgers (US 2002/0119174) both teach of a computer program operation interface arranged to provide optimum use of the operator's hand while allowing the hand to function in a relaxed natural position (Figures 3 and 23 respectively.). They also both teach of a base which is oval shaped (Figures 11 and 20 respectively.) and a covering shell having finger pads (Figures 7 and 1 respectively), however, Edwards et al. and Rodgers both fail to teach of the base having a vertical tab rising perpendicularly from

one end of the oval shaped deck and a vertical shortwall rising around its perimeter slightly inset from the outside edge of the horizontal deck. Vayda teaches of a computer program operation interface arranged to provide optimum use of the operator's hand while allowing the hand to function in a relaxed natural position (Figures 10 and 11) comprising of a base which is oval shaped (Figure 9), which has a vertical pillar with a threaded hole in its top (Figure 10) and a covering shell having finger pads and a hole in the top so that an assembling screw can be installed through the hole and threaded into the hole in the vertical pillar (Figure 10), however, Vayda fails to teach of the base having a vertical tab rising perpendicularly from one end of the oval shaped deck and a vertical shortwall rising around its perimeter slightly inset from the outside edge of the horizontal deck.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen G. Sherman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2941. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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ATTN: STEPHEN G. SHERMAN, EXAMINER

RE: UNITED STATES PATENT # US 7,233,317 B2

DEAR MR. SHERMAN:

ON APRIL 25, 2007, ALONG WITH THE REGISTRATION AND PUBLICATION FEE, I SUBMITTED THE ENCLOSED "COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE", EXPECTING SOME ACTION AND RESPONSE FROM YOU. I REQUEST THAT YOU REVIEW THIS STATEMENT AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

SINCERELY,

Stanley A. Pleickert

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